



TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

– INCORPORATED 1653 –

Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development:

On behalf of the Kennebunkport Selectboard, I am writing in response to the Legislature's request for Public Hearing input on the issue of LD-2173 fix it bill. We are requesting that the State use this opportunity to amend previous bills that could be negatively impacted by LD 1829. Specifically, we request corrections to the residential parking standards update LD 427 of 2025. The Selectboard of Kennebunkport, ME, represents residents' wishes to convey the following.

LD 427 requires only one parking space per dwelling unit within the designated growth area. The LD 1829 mandate of 4 dwelling units on a 5,000 square ft lot would, at minimum, require 4 additional street parking spaces for towns without public transportation.

We understand the intent is the utilization of buildable land for dwelling units versus allotted parking spaces. However, this is only a workable solution for towns with public transportation. In towns without public transportation, growth areas need to accommodate multiple cars per dwelling unit, as street parking is limited. For example, in the growth area of Kennebunkport, we have approximately 66 town-owned roads. Parking is allowed on 53% of these roads, with the remainder having partial or full parking restrictions due to safety and rescue-vehicle requirements. Our residents' need for travel to services beyond our growth area and outside of town results in two or more cars per dwelling. In addition, we have no means to accommodate or relocate this current mandated increase in street parking.

We respectfully ask the committee to add the following to the fix it Bill LD2173:

“For towns without public transit, LD427 one parking space per dwelling will not apply, rather those towns’ onsite parking per dwelling requirements will be guided by their Land Use Ordinances.”

Respectively,
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